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SUBJECT: FRENCH POSITION ON EC PARTICIPATION IN SPOKANE EXPOSITION

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REF: STATE 88561; EC BRUSSELS 2542

1. IN CALL MAY 10 UPON SAINT- LEGIER, CHIEF AMERICAN
AFFAIRS, OF QUAI BY MINISTER AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR,
WE CONFIRMED REFTTEL FROM STATE THAT FRENCH HAVE DECIDED
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IN FAVOR OF PARTICIPATION, BUT IN FORM OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL EXHIBITS UNDER SINGLE ROOF. SAINT-LEGIER ALSO CONFIRMED THAT GOF HAD SET ASIDE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. FOR MORE DETAILS, INCLUDING APPRAISAL OF SITUATION AT EC COMMISSION, HE REFERRED US TO QUAI'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

2. SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE CALL TO LATTER OFFICE REVEALED THAT SITUATION WITHIN EC STILL CONFUSED, AS REPORTED EC BRUSSELS 2542. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICIAL SAID FRENCH COULD NOT ACCEPT AN EC COVER FOR PARTICIPATION, AND REQUIRED THAT PARTICIPATION BE ON BASIS NATIONAL EXHIBITS IN ONE BUILDING, WITH EXPENSES SHARED AMONG PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS. HE ADMITTED THIS VIEW NOT SHARED BY OTHER EC MEMBERS, BUT TOOK POSITION THAT NOW FRANCE WAS ONLY EC MEMBER REALLY PUSHING FOR PARTICIPATION IN SPOKANE EXPOSITION. OFFICIAL REPEATED ARGUMENT AGAINST USE OF COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL THEME AS STATED LAST PARAGRAPH OF REFTEL FROM EC BRUSSELS. HE COULD NOT CONFIRM TIMING ON NEXT MEETING AT BRUSSELS, BUT ASSUMED THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE EARLY SESSION OF PERMREPS. IRWIN

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